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SUBJ: S/ME "GEOTEKHNIKA '78" - MAY, 1978

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1. COMATT AND COMMOFF MET DECEMBER 15 WITH CHIEF,  
ADMINISTRATION OF GEOPHYSICAL WORK (ZAYCHENKO) AND  
CHIEF GEOPHYSICIST, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPT.  
(SCHREYDER) IN MIN. GEOLOGY TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING  
"GEOTEKHNIKA '78"HS/ME, TO BE HELD IN USCO, MAY, 1978.O  
FIRST QUESTION RAISED WAS POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING  
S/ME IN SECOND LOCATION OUTSIDE MOSCOW. ZAYCHENKO,  
WHO WAS PREPARED FOR THIS QUESTION BY OUR EARLIER  
LETTER REQUEST, STATED THWT (A) SINCE ULTIMATE  
PURPOSE OF S/ME WAS COMMERCIAL, AND ALL COMMZRCLAL  
DECISIONS ARE MADE IN MOSCOW, MOSCOW WAS LOGICAL  
PLACE TO HOLD SHOW,HAND (B) BEFORE AGREEING TO  
ANOTHER LOCATION, MIN. GEOLOGY (AND SCST)HWANT  
TO HAVE S/ME PRESENTED IN MOSCOW, AND ONLY THEN  
DETERMINE WHETHER IT WOULD BE INTERESTING ENOUGH  
TO HOLD IT AGAIN ELSEHWERE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN  
FACT THAT MIN. GEOLOGY INTENDED TO BRING IN  
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TECHNICIANS AND END-USERS FROM VARIOUS  
PARTS OF USSR TO ATTEND S/ME. TO THIS COMATT  
REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS EXPENSIVE  
FOR MINISTRY WERE WE TO CARRY S/ME TO ANOTHER  
PART OF SOVIET UNION, THAN TO FLY IN PERHAPS  
40 OR 50 TECHNICIANS. ZAYCHENKO SAID TRANSPORTATION  
COSTS WOULD POSE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM HE CONCLU-

DED BY STATING THAT SCST HAD PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY  
TO APPROVE ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR SHOW, AND THAT  
MIN. GEOLOGY COULD ONLY RECOMMEND APPROVAL, WHICH IT  
WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PREPARED TO DO UNTIL AFTER  
ITS PRESENTATION IN MOSCOW.

2. SEVEN SEMINAR THEMES WERE THEN DISCUSSED IN  
DETAIL (SEE TELEX OF NOVEMBER 18 TO TPD-BILECKI).  
IN ALMOST ALL CASES ZAYCHENKO STRESSED MIN.  
GEOLOGY INTEREST IN SYSTEMS APPROACH, I.E.,  
APPLICATION OF EQUIPMENT, RECOVERY OF DATA,  
REPRODUCTION OF DATA, AND METHODOLOGY FOR ANALYSIS.  
IN ALL CASES HE NOTED INTEREST IN LEARNING ABOUT  
ACCURACY OF EQUIPMENT, ECONOMICS OF APPLICATION,  
AND OF COURSE TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS. ON  
SUBJECTS OF AEROELECTROPROSPECTING AND AEROGRAMMA-  
SPECTROMETRY, ZAYCHENKO REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION  
BE PRESENTED ABOUT RELATIVELY SMALL AIRCRAFT  
IN WHICH EQUIPMENT IS FITTED. SCHREYDER ADDED  
THAT BY SMWLL AIRCRAFT HE MEANT PLANES SIMILAR  
TO FOKKER 47 AND TWIN OTTER. ON THEME NUMBER  
FIVE (SALT STRUCTURES) ZAYCHENKO SAID MIN. GEOLOGY  
WAS INTERESTED IN METHODS FOR FINDING PETROLEUM BENEATH  
SUCH STRUCTURES WITHOUT DRILLING. SEVENTH  
POINT (HOLOGRAPHY PRINCIPLES IN SEISMIC PROSPECTING-  
METHODS AND EQUIPMENT) APPARENTLY HAD BEEN ADDED  
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BY SCST, AND ZAYCHENKO SAID LITTLE ABOUT IT,  
EXCEPT THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS PROBABLY STILL  
IN DEVELOPMENT STAGE.

3. ZAYCHENKO MENTIONED HALLIBURTON AND GEOMTERICS  
AS TWO U.S. FIRMS MIN. GEOLOGY WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
PARTICIPATE. GEOMZTRICS, ACCORDING TO HIM,  
MANUFACTURES AEROELECTROPROPSECTING EQUIPMENT.  
MIN OFFICIALS ALSO NOTED THAT U.S. OIL COMPANIES  
AND PERHAPS SOME OIL AND GAS EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS  
AS WELL HAVE EXPERIENCE IN SALT STRUCTURE TECTONICS.  
THIS CONCLUDED SOVIET REVIEW OF THEMES. COMATT  
REITERATED SUGGESTION THAT SHOW MIGHT USEFULLY  
BE HELD OUTSIDE MOSCOW, AND ZAYCHENKO REPEWTED  
MINISTRY'S DECISION THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE TO  
EVALUATE S/ME IN MOSCOW BEFORE RECOMMENDING  
ADDITIONAL LOCATION. SCHREYEDER ADDED THAT BASIC  
DECISION ON THIS POINT LAY IN HWNDs OF SCST  
ANYWAY. ON THIS POINT MEETING ENDED.

4. COMMENTS IT WAS CLEAR FROM ZAYCHZNKO'S  
POSITION THAT MINISTRY IS NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED

IN RECOMMENDING A SECOND SITE, WE ALSO SPECULATE THAT AS CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION, ZAYCHENKO MAY HAVE MADE DECISION AGAINST SECOND CITY HIMSELF.  
WE THEREFORE ARE NOW CONVINCED THAT "GEOTEKHNIKA '78" HAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF BEING HELD OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW, GIVEN MIN. GEOLOGY'S LACK OF INTEREST IN (AND EVEN OPPOSITION TO) IDEA. WE COULD, OF COURSE, RAISE MATTER OF SECOND SITE WITH SCST IN HOPES OF OBTAINING REVERSAL OF MIN. GEOLOGY POSITION BUT, FRANKLY WE FEEL SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD BE FUTILE. AND POSSIBLY ERODE MIN. GEOLOGY'S CURRENT STRONG AND ACTIVE INTEREST IN MOSCOW PORTION OF EVENT SHOULD SCST FORCE SECOND CITY UPON THEM  
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